

## Van's win again

It must be contagious. Whatever it is, Van's Welding of the Acton Men's Industrial Softball Association has got it good.

They won again, an unprecedented fourth win for the season in regular league play, not to mention a couple of tournament victories, beating Unisal Construction Sunday 6-4 at the Limehouse diamond.

They played good ball all through the game, spreading their six runs over eight innings.

Excitement started early at the top of the second when Dave Mills hammered a single and later crossed the plate after Derrick Neely batted a double. Gary Pickles slammed a single but was left standing on third base at the end of the inning.

A single by Mills drove in Karl Killingbeck in the third who also hit a single.

Dave Piper touched home in the fourth to make it 4-0.

That's when Unisal got on the scoresheet. Ken Pilgrim drove in Ian Campbell with a two-bagger.

Robin Insoe and Pickles crossed the plate in the fifth for Van's increasing their lead by four.

Campbell scored again in the sixth and two runs by Charlie Harrison and Rick Coe made in four in the seventh; in a comeback attempt by Unisal, but it wasn't enough.

Insoe banged a triple and touched home in the seventh for Van's final run.

In the other Sunday night match, Halton Hills Electric pulled a 16-7 upset over Station Hotel at Prospect Park.

Electric scored 10 runs in the sixth inning with both Rick Bonnette and Gary Masters crossing the plate twice.

The two teams were even going into the top of the third with Lyle Prueter touching home in the second for Electric and Denis Lefebvre scoring for Station, also in the second.

A run by Ted Hagan put Halton Hills Electric ahead and although Murray McNabb tied it for Station in the fourth, runs by Bonnette and Masters in the fourth put Electric in the lead to stay.

Besides Bonnette and Masters crossing the plate in the sixth, Brian Canary, Dan Allen, Scott Somerville, Armand Steves, Steve Townsley and Prueter scored to make it 14-2.

Two runs by Allen and Canary in the eighth finished Station off.

Other Station runs were scored by Sid Barnes, Woody Fabian, Lefebvre twice and Kevin Archibald.

In Wednesday night's game Firestone Oldtimers demolished Station Hotel with a 12-0 victory at Prospect Park.

Firestone held Station to only two hits, by Larry King in the fifth and Kevin Archibald in the sixth.

Earl Burt and Doug Pratt crossed the plate at the bottom of the second for Firestone.

Ray Graham and Jim James touched home in the third to make it 4-0. Jules Russiani hit a double in the fourth, a double by Graham banged him home and James made it seven.

Russiani, Don Archibald and Graham banged a triple and Bert and Pratt hit singles to round out the scoring for Firestone.

Tonight it's Van's going for three in a row against Freedom. Sunday Halton Hills Electric faces Firestone in Limehouse at 9:30 and Unisal squares off against Freedom at Prospect Park at 8:15. Station and Van's go at it at 6:30.

For up-to-date standings in Acton Men's Industrial Softball League see Scoreboard.

## Ball tourney ready, set go

The fourth annual Acton Fastball tournament is set to go for the weekend.

Twelve teams from area leagues will be competing for the championship trophy, while individual players will compete for the MVP awards.

The Acton Roadrunners of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League (GIFL), which is sponsoring the tournament, meets Omagh Juniors at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Freedom, of the Acton Industrial Softball Association, will meet R/S Muffler of GIFL at 10:30 a.m. for the second match.

Philip Publishing of GIFL and C.P. Landscaping of Milton will square off at noon, while the Milton Slugs face Color Your World of Bramalea at 1:30 p.m.

McDuffy's of Milton battle Three Phase Electric of Bramalea at 3 p.m. and Akers Clark meet Acton Travel at 4:30 p.m.

Playoffs will be on Sunday with the championship match scheduled for around 5:30 or 6 p.m.

All games will be played at Prospect Park.

## Local cyclist breaking away

Diana Waltmann



Ray Mueller has been cycling for three years, but this is the first season on a specially-built bike. Mueller built the bike himself using parts from France and Japan.

This week's story is straight from a Hollywood movie. Really.

The film Breaking Away keeps popping into mind. You know the story of an American youth who dreams of becoming an Italian racer. I haven't seen the movie in its entirety.

You can bet Ray Mueller has.

Here's a 16-year-old Acton High School student with a slightly different sport on his mind—cycling. And although he doesn't speak with an Italian accent to impress girls or hum Italian songs (at least he says he doesn't), Mueller is just as good as the fellow in the movie.

Better, even. He already won a race in Hamilton this year.

Mueller's interest in cycling began with his father, who raced in Germany. After the family moved from Toronto four years ago to their Fifth Line home, Mueller picked up cycling.

He said he thought it would be a good way to stay in shape for the hockey season. He played last year on the midget team. That's when he found he wasn't in good shape to begin with. Mueller said he entered his first race sponsored by the cycle club in Guelph three years ago and became totally discouraged. He couldn't keep up.

Different story

So he says, he didn't bother going back for the rest of the races and instead just drove around the roads of Acton.

Year two was a different story. Last year he could keep up on ordinary, everyday 10-speed. He knew the bike was the difference between keeping up and winning.

Every week he put money into the cause. By Christmas with help from his father, Mueller had built himself a special racing bike.

And now he says, he has no problem keeping up.

No sir. First he won the 10-mile race in Hamilton over 25 other people.

He came third overall in three five-mile sprint races in Ajax and third in the Pepsi-Challenge at Woodstock. He was to have competed in Sudbury two weeks ago, but couldn't get up there.

The results of those three races have qualified him for the Ontario Summer Games in Peterborough next month.

In the meantime Mueller said he is racing every weekend (each cycle club sponsors its own race), as well as competing in two training races during the week.

Mueller can ride anywhere between 38 and 24 miles an hour and he covers 100-200 miles a week.

One night the cycle club, which has about 20 members practises riding bikes, taking corners, riding in packs, going uphill, taking the stretch properly and other techniques.

On the second night they train in long distance riding. Then he trains three times a week at home.

And during the winter they train on a conveyor belt. Mueller said by then he would be training every day.

There are plenty of people involved in racing and they attract quite a number of spectators. Muller said people usually are attracted by a crowd and then stay to watch the race.

Cycle races are popular in Europe where pros get paid to represent companies. Races such as the Tour de France are international events.

Mueller's specially-built bike is an international as the sport. The frame is French, the seat is Italian and the gears—Shimano—are Japanese.

"I started it to keep in shape," Mueller says. "But it's totally different. No one else is doing it."

"It's not like hockey where you play different teams all the time. Last season the midgets were good, but there were lots of better teams that we didn't play."

"In cycling you meet champions and former champions. You know how good you have to be."

Champion competition

He says he's raced against the ladies champion, the provincial champion and a track racer who was third in the world a couple of years ago.

Cycle racing is something like the Tour de France with a mass start, a gruelling, often hilly course anywhere between 10 and 115 miles and a finish line. Whoever crosses it first wins.

Track racing is cycling around an oval track against the clock or against an opponent.

Mueller said he would like to continue racing as long as he keeps on improving, but to become an Italian racer... well that's another story.

"To make professional it means you're a lot better than any amateurs. You really have to be good."

"I'd like to ride in the Olympics; you don't necessarily have to be the best, but to be professional..."

Mueller says he's a long way from considering professional cycling. He adds his father keeps him in line. "After I won the race in Hamilton he told me to remember there were other races; I still

### Tri County report

## Haynes pitcher perfect - a baseball rarity

The Acton Transmissioner squirts travelled to the championship round of the Maryhill Minor Softball Tournament Saturday.

That's news in itself, but when hurler David Haynes pitches a perfect game, facing 15 batters and striking every single one of them out enroute to the championship match, well, now, that's news.

Haynes pitched in all three games for the Transmissioners as they trounced Arthur 18-0, edged Elmira 7-5 and fell in the championship game to a strong New Hamburg team 7-2.

Haynes outstanding performance came in the first match. As well as pitching a perfect game, he batted a double and three singles.

Other single hits came from Mike Baker, Evan Hayter, David Paul, Sean Fitzgerald, all who hammered two singles each, David Roden, Robin Murray, Pat Johnston, Alex Shean and Greg Leatherland.

Murray also belted a double and Roden rounded the bases for a homer.

In the second match, Haynes whiffed 14 batters and slugged a homer.

Fitzgerald batted two singles, Hayter, Shean and Leatherland hit one-baggers.

In the third and final game, Haynes fanned 12 batters.

Baker, Craig Cadenhead, Paul and Leatherland all batted singles. The Transmissioners were missing three of the last players for the tournament, a deciding factor in the championship game.

Haynes efforts did not go unrecognized as he was voted most valuable player and received a trophy.

gipper' feeling about it. Before the match, the midget team presented their sponsor Ed Crimless of Ed's In-N-Out Variety Store with a team jacket, to match the one with players and coaches were wearing.

Crimless has been sponsoring midget hockey and baseball teams for a number of years and is probably one of the boy's biggest fans. He attends most of the games.

Ed's tri-county team hasn't disappointed him either. Gord McArthur started out on the mound with Denis Kirton relieving him in the top of the sixth.

Then in the bottom of the sixth McArthur batted a homer and with runs by Roy Spear and Kirton, completed the scoring for Acton.

Rick Greenly and Paul Campbell touched home in the first inning to make it 2-0.

But Elora scored three runs in the top of the second to jump into a lead. Only a run by Tim Evans in the bottom of the second tied the game for Ed's.

But Elora went ahead again in the third on a single run while holding Ed's scoreless.

Then in the fourth Ed's roared back with four runs of their own, with Greenly, Bob Andrews, Tim Baker and Evans touching home.

Dave Wilson crossed the plate in the fifth to make it 8-4, leading to McArthur, Kirton and Spear's runs in the sixth.

Elora scored one more run on a homer in the sixth.

The game was called in the seventh for the 11 p.m. curfew.

Restaurant 'together'

The Acton Restaurant peewee boys got it together Wednesday night dropping Ponsby 7-4 at Prospect Park.

They led from the first inning, playing a good, defensive game while taking advantage of their scoring chances.

### Halton-Rural report

## Hagan's homers help

Olympia Drive-In squirt girls blasted Glen Williams 19-3 in Halton Rural action Wednesday with the help of two homers by Klim Hagan.

Acton had jumped into a 4-1 lead by the end of the first inning. Karle Gudgeon rounded the bases, while single hits came from Jill Briggs, Tammy Corkum, Francie Kolozsvari and Chrissy Howard.

Hagan's first homer and a triple by Corkum put Acton into a cushy 11-1 lead by the end of the second. Briggs, Gudgeon, Kolozsvari and Carrie Gallant batted singles.

Lisa Sansom crossed the plate for Acton's lone run in the third, but Glen still hadn't

managed a run, so the score leaped to 12-1.

Glen did score their final two runs in the fourth, but Acton completed the game with another Hagan homer and a home run by Tammy Rogers plus singles by Gudgeon and Kolozsvari in the fourth.

There was no scoring in the fifth so the game tally remained 19-3.

Gallant was the winning hurler for Olympia.

In an earlier game Monday, July 7, Olympia squirts were edged 10-9 in a close match with Milton. Milton which is unbeaten this year, scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth.

(See Thompson finds B2)

## Inglis joins Stampede

A graduate of Acton High School and former Georgetown resident Jeff Inglis has earned a spot with the Calgary Stampede of the Canadian Football League.

Inglis, who was drafted in the third round by Calgary last year, is on the injury reserved list for the 1980 Stampeder season. He graduated from the University of

Guelph this year, where he was an allstar offensive tackle for the Gryphons. Inglis also played football at GDHS while he lived in Georgetown before moving to Acton in 1975.

Inglis attended the Stampeder camp last year but returned to Guelph for his fourth year of school.



Ed's In-N-Out midgets paid homage to their sponsor Monday night before their victory over Elora at Prospect Park. They presented him with a special team jacket to show their appreciation for many

years of support and sponsorship. Making the presentation are left, Ed's team manager Ed Miller, the man himself Ed Crimless, and coaches John Reeve and Bill Shannon.